



The Salone's Library

The Salone's Library is a special project by which the event is enriching its role as a cultural catalyst, a center of innovation and planning, as well as an interdisciplinary laboratory where creativity and business life meet. At the 2024 edition, it brought together a selection of over 120 titles recommended by the speakers, including curators, journalists, architects and international designers, who took part in the cycle of Talks and Round Tables, together with a selection of designers and key figures who share the Salone's vision.

Integrated into the Arena Drafting Futures project created by Formafantasma, a design duo consisting of Andrea Trimarchi and Simone Farresin, the Salone's Library has welcomed a range of precious works that have changed the lives of those who chose them, capable of evoking, stimulating, generating debate and helping us understand and navigate through the complexity of the present.

It forms an archive that is being constantly enriched and updated for the whole community of design lovers. And it's not just about design and architecture. Its holdings range from essays to novels, biographies and philosophical texts. From edition to edition, the Salone's Library will expand to welcome new and brilliant reading materials that stand out by the depth of their contents.



Title	Author	Year*	Publisher
Suggested by Davide Angeli			
Humanise: A Maker's Guide to Building Our World	Thomas Heatherwick	2023	Viking
Sette brevi lezioni di fisica	Carlo Rovelli	2014	Adelphi
Now is Better	Stefan Sagmeister	2023	Phaidon
Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow	Yuval Noah Harari	2018	Bompiani
Plant Revolution	Stefano Mancuso	2017	Giunti Editore
Di chi sono le case vuote?	Ettore Sottsass	2021	Adelphi
The Human Planet: Earth at the Dawn of the Anthropocene	George Steinmetz, Andrew Revkin	2020	Harry N Abrams Inc
La scomparsa dei riti	Byung-Chul Han	2021	Nottetempo
Neo-Prehistory – 100 Verbs	Andrea Branzi, Kenya Hara	2016	Lars Müller Publishers
Dove nascono le grandi idee. Storia naturale dell'innovazione	Steven Johnson	2011	Rizzoli
Suggested by Stephen Burks			
All About Love: New Visions	Bell Hooks	2018	William Morrow & Co
Hybrid Factory, Hybrid City	Nina Rappaport	2022	Nina Rappaport
A Pattern Language	Christopher Alexander, Murray Silverstein, Sara Ishikawa	1978	OUP Usa
Theaster Gates: My Labor Is My Protest	Honey Luard	1993	White Cube
Italy: The New Domestic Landscape	Emilio Ambasz	1972	Museum of Modern Art, New York
Katachi: Classic Japanese Design	Takeji Iwamiya	2005	PIE Books
Caste: The Origin of our Discontents	Isabel Wilkerson	2023	Random House
A World Without Words	Jasper Morrison	2010	Lars Müller Publishers
Stephen Burks: Man Made	Stephen Burks	2011	The Studio Museum in Harlem
Stephen Burks: Shelter in Place	High Museum of Art Atlanta	2023	Yale University Press



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Suggested by Andrea D'Antrassi			
Le Città invisibili	Italo Calvino	2022	Mondadori
Delirious New York	Rem Koolhaas	2021	Electa
La luna e i falò	Cesare Pavese	2021	Rusconi
Città di vetro (Trilogia di New York)	Paul Auster	2014	Einaudi
Grande seno, fianchi larghi	Mo Yan	2006	Einaudi
Lezione americane	Italo Calvino	2022	Mondadori
Il Maestro e Margherita	Mikhail Bulgakov	2023	Mondadori
La Napoli Di Bellavista. Sono Figlio Di Persone Antiche	Luciano De Crescenzo	1979	Mondadori
Suggested by Michele De Lucchi			
L'età del legno. Come un unico materiale ha plasmato l'intera storia dell'umanità	Roland Ennos	2021	Einaudi
La biologia delle credenze. Come il pensiero influenza il DNA e ogni cellula	Bruce Lipton	2023	Macro Edizioni
Serendipità: L'inatteso nella scienza	Telmo Pievani	2021	Raffaello Cortina Editore
Saggio sui dati immediati della coscienza	Henri Bergson	2002	Cortina Editore
GAIA. Nuove idee sull'ecologia	James Lovelock	2021	Bollati Boringhieri
The Craftsman	Richard Sennett	2009	Penguin Books
On Adam's House in Paradise	Joseph Rykwert	1981	MIT Press
Fitopolis, la città vivente	Stefano Mancuso	2023	Editori Laterza
21 lezioni per il XXI secolo	Yuval Noah Harari	2019	Bompiani
Wholeness and the Implicate Order	David Bohm	2002	Routledge
The Game	Alessandro Baricco	2021	Einaudi
Il senso delle cose	Richard P. Feynman	1999	Adelphi
Percezioni. Come il cervello costruisce il mondo	Beau Lotto	2017	Bollati Boringhieri
L'istinto del linguaggio	Steven Pinker	1998	Mondadori



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Suggested by Maria Cristina Didero			
Design for Sustainability Survival Guide	Conny Bakker, Ed van Hinte, Yvo Zijlstra	2022	BIS
Bruno Munari: il disegno, il design	Gloria Bianchino	2008	Corraini Edizioni
Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth	R. Buckminster Fuller	2008	Lars Müller Publishers
Are We Human? Notes on an Archaeology of Design	Beatriz Colomina, Mark Wigley	2016	Lars Müller Publishers
Why Materials Matter. Responsible Design for a Better World	Seetal Solanki	2018	Prestel
Fewer Better Things. The Hidden Wisdom of Objects	Glenn Adamson	2018	Bloomsbury
Design as Art	Bruno Munari	2008	Penguin
The Hard Life	Jasper Morrison	2017	Lars Müller Publishers
Favole al telefono	Gianni Rodari	2022	Edinaudi
Bertoia: The Metalworker	Beverly Hamilton Twitchell	2005	Phaidon
Suggested by Jeanne Gang			
Obsolescence: An Architectural History	Daniel M. Abramson	2017	University of Chicago Press
Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West	William Cronon	1992	W W Norton & Co Inc
Art as Experience	John Dewey	2005	TarcherPerigee
We Have Never Been Modern	Bruno Latour	1993	Harvard University Press
Facing Gaia. Eight Lectures on the New Climatic Regime	Bruno Latour	2017	Polity Press
The Invention of Nature	Andrea Wulf	2016	John Murray
1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus	Charles C. Mann	2006	Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group
The Life of Plants: A Metaphysics of Mixture	Emanuele Coccia	2019	Polity Press
Animal Architecture By Nobel Laureate	Karl von Frisch	1974	A Helen and Kurt Wolff Book/Harcourt Brace Jovanovich



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Suggested by Patrick Jouin			
Atmospheres	Peter Zumthor	2022	Birkhäuser
White	Kanya Hara	2009	Lars Müller Publishers
The Book of Shaker Furniture	John Kassay	1980	University of Massachusetts Press
The Material of Invention	Ezio Manzini	1989	Mit Pr
Phenomenology of perception	Maurice Merleau-Ponty	2013	Routledge
Species of Spaces and Other Pieces	Georges Perec	2008	Penguin Classics
Case Study Houses. The Complete CSH Program 1945-1966	Elizabeth A. T. Smith	2009	Taschen
Good Taste: A Life of Food and Passion	Alain Ducasse	2023	Gallic Books
AAD Algorithms-Aided Design. Parametric strategies using grasshopper	Arturo Tedeschi	2020	Le Penseur Edizioni
History of objects, Chronicles of industrial design	Raymond Guidot	2013	HAZAN
Industrial Design Techniques and Materials	Raymond Guidot	2006	Flammarion
Watercolors	Finn Juhl	2016	Hatje Cantz
Care is a form of humanism	Cynthia Fleury	2019	C.E.R.A.S
Suggested by Qiyao Li			
Interaction of Color	Josef Albers	2013	Yale University Press
The Vignelli Canon	Massimo Vignelli	2010	Lars Müller Publishers
The Importance Of Living	Lin Yutang	2020	Duckworth
The Order of Time	Carlo Rovelli	2019	Penguin Books
Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals	Oliver Burkeman	2022	Vintage
Architecture Without Architects	Bernard Rudofsky	1987	University of New Mexico Press
Urban Jungle: The History and Future of Nature in the City	Ben Wilson	2024	Vintage
Invisible Cities	Italo Calvino	1978	Mariner Books
The Image of the City	Kevin Lynch	1960	The MIT Press



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Suggested by Chiara Massarani			
Thinking, Fast and Slow	Daniel Kahneman	2001	Penguin Books
Suggested by Lauren Grace Morris			
The Architecture of Happiness	Alain de Botton	2014	Penguin Books
Design for the Real World	Victor Papanek	2019	Thames & Hudson
Ornament and Crime: Adolf Loos	Adolf Loos	2019	Penguin Classics
Legacy: Generations of Creatives in Dialogue	Lukas Feireiss	2018	Frame Pub
Things We Could Design: For More Than Human-Centered Worlds	Ron Wakkary	2021	MIT Press
Blindness	Jose Saramago	2017	Vintage
The Plague	Albert Camus	2020	Penguin Classics
Invisible Cities	Italo Calvino	2022	Vintage
Against Nature	Joris-Karl Huysmans	2009	Oxford University Press
Suggested by Luca Nichetto			
Nichetto Studio: Projects, Collaborations and Conversations in Design	Francesca Picchi, Max Fraser	2022	Phaidon
War and Peace	Leo Tolstoy	2016	Penguin Classics
Da cosa nasce cosa	Bruno Munari	2023	Editori Laterza
Supplemento al dizionario di italiano	Bruno Munari	2024	Corraini Editore
Venezia è un pesce	Tiziano Scarpa	2023	Feltrinelli
Scritto di notte	Ettore Sottsass	2010	Adelphi
Il Milione	Marco Polo	2024	Marsilio Editore
On the Road	Jack Kerouac	2022	Penguin Classics
The Millennium Trilogy	Stieg Larsson	2009	Marsilio
Alexander Girard: A Designer's Universe	Susan Brown	2016	Vitra Design Museum



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Suggested by Hans Ulrich Obrist			
Le fagot de ma mémoire	Souleymane Bachir Diagne	2021	Philippe Rey
Incendire	Hélène Cixous	2023	Editions Gallimard
The Archipelago Conversations	Édouard Glissant, Hans Ulrich Obrist	2021	Isolarii
Ever Gaia	James Lovelock, Hans Ulrich Obrist	2023	Isolarii
Journey to Mount Tamalpais	Etel Adnan	2021	Litmus Pr
Fischli Weiss: Flowers & Questions: a Retrospective	Bice Curiger	2007	Tate Gallery Publishing
The Way Beyond Art: The Work of Herbert Bayer	Alexander Dorner	2012	Literary Licensing
Walks with Walser	Carl Seelig	2017	New Directions
All other books by Edouard Glissant			
Suggested by John Pawson			
Donald Judd Writings: 1953-1993	Donald Judd, Flavin Judd	2016	David Zwirner Inc
Architecture of Truth: The Cistercian Abbey of Le Thoronet	Lucien Hervé	2001	Phaidon Press
The Language of Cities	Deyan Sudjic	2017	Penguin Books
Anatomy of Restlessness: Selected Writings 1969-1989	Bruce Chatwin	1997	Penguin Books
The White Road: A Journey Into Obsession	Edmund De Waal	2016	Vintage
The Eye's Mind: Bridget Riley: Collected Writings 1965-2019	Robert Kudielka	2019	Thames & Hudson
John Pawson: Making Life Simpler	Deyan Sudjic	2023	Phaidon
Home Farm Cooking	Catherine Pawson, John Pawson	2021	Phaidon
Suggested by Maria Porro			
L'opera d'arte nell'epoca della sua riproducibilità tecnica	Walter Benjamin	2000	Einaudi
Lo spazio vuoto	Peter Brook	1998	Bulzoni Editore
Nella notte buia	Bruno Munari	1996	Corraini Editore



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Suggested by Giulia Ricci			
The Medium is the Massage: An Inventory of Effects	Marshall McLuhan	2008	Penguin Classics
The Death and Life of Great American Cities	Jane Jacobs	1992	Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group
Henri Lefebvre: Spatial Politics, Everyday Life and the Right to the City	Chris Butler	2014	Routledge
The Future of Architecture Since 1889: A Worldwide History	Jean-Louis Cohen	2016	Phaidon
Ettore Sottsass. Metaphores	Ettore Sottsass	2002	Skira
Modern Architecture: A Planetary Warming History	Hans Ibelings	2023	The Architecture Observer
Architecture Without Architects	Bernard Rudofsky	1987	University of New Mexico Press
Architettura rurale italiana	Giuseppe Pagano, Guarniero Daniel	1936	U. Hoepli
Architecture Depends	Jeremy Till	2013	MIT Press
The Museum Is Not Enough	Giovanna Borasi, Albert Ferré, Francesco Garutti, Jayne Kelley, Mirko Zardini	2019	Sternberg Press
Suggested by Deyan Sudjic			
The Architecture of Four Ecologies	Reyner Banham	2009	Princeton University Press
The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York	Robert Caro	2019	Bodley Head
Ornament and Crime	Adolf Loos	2019	Penguin Classics
Au Bonheur des Dames (The Ladies' Delight)	Émile Zola	2001	Penguin Classics
The Museum of Innocence	Orhan Pamuk	2010	Faber & Faber
The Bridge over the Drina	Ivo Andrić	1995	The Harvill Press
The House on the Embankment	Yuri Trifonov	1985	Abacus
The Art Museum of My Dreams, Or, A Place for the Work and the Human Being	Rémy Zaugg, John C. Welchman	2013	Sternberg Press
Eric Gill	Fiona MacCarthy	2020	Faber & Faber



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Suggested by Nao Tamura			
Issey Miyake	Kazuko Koike	2016	Taschen
Lo-TEK: Design by Radical Indigenism	Julia Watson	2019	Taschen
Norwegian Wood	Haruki Murakami	2012	Vintage
The Fountainhead	Ayn Rand	2007	Penguin Classics
The Life of Isamu Noguchi: Journey without Borders	Masayo Duus	2006	Princeton University Press
Ingo Maurer: Designing With Light	Bernhard Dessecker	2008	Prestel Publishing
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance	Robert M. Pirsig	2024	Vintage Classics
Dibs in Search of Self. Personality Development in Play Therapy	Virginia M. Axline	2022	Penguin Classics
In Memory Of: Designing Contemporary Memorials	Spencer Bailey	2020	Phaidon
Irving Penn & Issey Miyake: Visual Dialogue	Irving Penn	2011	Miyake Design Studio
Suggested by Adam D. Tihany			
Dividing Paris: Urban Renewal and Social Inequality, 1852-1870	Esther da Costa Meyer	2022	Princeton University Press
Haussmann: Paris Transformed	Howard Saalman	1971	Howard Saalman
Labyrinths	Jorge Luis Borges	2000	Penguin Classics
Barragan-Space and Shadow, Walls and Colour	Danielle Pauly	2002	Birkhauser Architecture
Louis Kahn: Architecture as Philosophy	John Lobell	2020	The Monacelli Press
El Bulli: 1998-2002	Ferran Adria, Juli Soler, Albert Adria	2005	Ecco
Confession of an Advertising Man	David Ogilvy	2013	Southbank Publishing
In Praise of Shadows	Junichirō Tanizaki	2001	Vintage
Italy: The New Domestic Landscape	Emilio Ambasz	1972	Museum of Modern Art, New York
Writings/Interviews	Richard Serra	1994	University of Chicago Press
Scarpa. Il pensiero, il disegno, i progetti	Maria Antonietta Crippa	1984	Jaca Book
Suggested by Marva Griffin Wilshire			
Cien años de soledad	Gabriel García Márquez	2011	De Borsillo
Une vie de création	Charlotte Perriand	1998	Editions Odile Jacob
When We See Us – A Century of Black Figuration in Painting	Koyo Kouoh	2023	Thames & Hudson